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SUBJ: REPORTED ASSASSINATION PLOT

1. WITH REFERENCE TO REPORTED ASSASSINATION PLOT AND RELATED MATTERS, I HAVE RECEIVED PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM GENERAL TORRIJOS THAT HE FEELS NO CONCERN FOR HIMSELF. HE CLAIMS THAT QUOTE 80 PERCENT UNQUOTE OF INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER HAS CONCERNED ALLEGED PLOT AGAINST HONDURAN CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ ARRELLANO. TORRIJOS SAYS HIS INFORMATION SUGGESTS THERE IS A PLOT ORGANIZED BY MIDDLE-LEVEL HONDURAN OFFICERS WITH SOME INVOLVEMENT ON PART OF BANANA COMPANY OFFICIALS.

2. COLONEL NORIEGA PASSED MESSAGE TO ME THAT NEWSPAPERS HAVE EXAGGERATED PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR PERE'S REMARKS-- ALTHOUGH NORIEGA SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT PERE SAID. NORIEGA PLANS TO INTERROGATE PERE EITHER BY PHONE OR IN PERSON. NORIEGA SAID IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE ALLEGED PLOT AFFECTS THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA QUOTE EVEN THOUGH SOME MAY WANT TO EXPLOIT IT UNQUOTE.

3. YOU WILL PROBABLY WANT SHARE ABOVE WITH KUBISCH AND BOWDLER BUT KNOW YOU WILL LIMITED DISTRIBUTION OTHERWISE.

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